

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL)	ADMINISTRATIVE
NUMBER PORTABILITY)	CASE NO. 371

O R D E R

Local number portability is the ability of subscribers to retain at the same location the existing telephone number when switching from one carrier to another. Remote call forwarding has been used as an interim number portability solution. The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has required that a permanent local number portability solution be implemented through databases in Louisville, Kentucky by the third quarter in 1998.¹ An industry group working to facilitate the implementation of local number portability within the Southeast states which includes Kentucky has requested the assistance of Commission Staff in securing competitively sensitive information from competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs") for incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs"). BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") furnished to the Commission the attached list of its Kentucky MSAs switches.

¹ On March 6, 1997, the FCC adopted their First Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration In the Matter of Telephone Number Portability (Docket No. 95-116), which was released March 11, 1997, which in ¶60 states, "We therefore conclude the LECs need only provide number portability within the 100 largest MSAs in switches for which another carrier has made a specific request the provision of portability. We leave it to the industry and to state commissions to determine the most efficient procedure for identifying those switches in which carriers have expressed interest and which will be deployed with number portability according to the original deployment schedule for the 100 largest MSAs." See also ¶¶61-65.

Each CLEC shall notify the Commission of the switches from which it desires numbers to be ported. This may be done by indicating "yes" beside each central office switch for which porting is requested and a "no" by each switch for which porting is not requested. The Commission Staff will then compile a list of the switches for which porting is requested and furnish that to all local exchange carriers. This will enable BellSouth to schedule the local number portability software upgrades necessary for switches. The information that the Commission Staff will compile will not include the CLECs' identification, thus protecting marketing plans specific to each CLEC.

Because of the extremely sensitive nature of the information to be filed by each CLEC, the Commission will afford confidential treatment to the filings.

When furnishing the response, each CLEC shall give its name as indicated on the sheet and shall state in a cover letter that the information is confidential and proprietary.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Commission Staff shall assist in the conveyance of information necessary for local number portability database upgrades.
2. Each CLEC wishing to open any BellSouth switches for portability shall complete Attachment A and return to the Commission within 20 days of the date of this Order.
3. All responses from CLECs shall be afforded confidential treatment and not open to the public.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of January, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director

ATTACHMENT A

AN ATTACHMENT TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 371 DATED JANUARY 16, 1998

BELLSOUTH--LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY -- KENTUCKY MSA SWITCHES					
MSA Name	City	Office Name	Switch CLLI	Switch Type	Equip for LNP (Yes or No)

[illegible]

CLEC _____

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